

## QUERIES &amp; ANSWERS.

The Thirty-Four Puzzle a Kinsman of the Fifteen Puzzle.

A PANUNKEY HUNTING CASE.

Question as to a Distilling Trans-Action—Descendants of Sir Francis Drake—The Four Confederate Flags—New and Old Problems, Etc.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please inform me if Lieutenant-Colonel John W. Atkinson still lives in Richmond? If not, where is he? R. L. Lawrence, Va.

He lives now in Wilmington, N. C.

I Am Dreaming.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Will you please publish a war poem, called, "I am Dreaming," in which the poet, a general of the Confederate army, is mentioned, and oblige.

A READER.

Yes; if some one will send us a copy of it.

The Dove.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please publish in your Query column the poem, "The Dove," which appeared in the *Panunkey* Times about ten years ago.

We know nothing about this poem. If it is in all other respects suitable, and has any peculiar literary merit, or historical value, we might republish it if a copy were sent us.

Fees for Acknowledgments.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please publish the law in regard to magistrates' fees for taking acknowledgments of persons signing contracts, deeds, bonds, etc. Some say they can charge 10 cents, others say they have no right to charge more than 25 cents.

J. J. R.

The fee of a notary and of justices of the peace for taking and certifying the acknowledgment of any deed or writing is 10 cents.

Average of Schools.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Will you please inform me whether teachers of free schools are required to make any certain amount of average, or give the last act of Legislature on the subject? and oblige a subscriber.

SUBSCRIBER.

The law and the school regulations prescribe a minimum average for schools, and we suggest that our correspondent communicate with his county superintendent concerning the specific requirements of the law.

Turnips as Cow's Feed.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: "The said turnips (rutabaga), without meal, will increase a cow's flow of milk. Please tell me if that is a fact?"

O. N. T.

Turnips cannot be fed to a cow as a substitute for grain. Their value is to a considerable extent as an appetizer, and, although experiments have shown that they compare favorably with corn silage as a coarse fodder, they should be fed in connection with some grain food, like any other coarse fodder.

General Peyton Wise.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Will you please state in the Query column of your paper, what division, brigade, or command General Peyton Wise commanded, that conferred on him the title of General? and oblige.

Lynchburg, Va. D. W.

General Wise rose from a company of volunteers to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the Forty-sixth Regiment of Virginia Infantry, and was one of the most fearless, capable, and bold officers in Lee's army. After the war, he was commissioned a general in the State militia by Governor Gilbert C. Walker.

A Distilling Question.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please answer in your Query column the following: If A, who is running a bonded distillery and receives fruit to distill on shares, agreeing to give a certain portion of brandy, made from said fruit, taken both shares, is there a process by which he can be punished? What is the law on the subject?

The United States Internal-revenue law requires the tax on all to be paid by the distiller. The question of division is a matter of private contract. Of course, there are laws to protect you if you have been defrauded; consult a lawyer or Justice.

"That Horse of Smith's."

To the Editor of the Dispatch: In the grammatical solution of the question involved in the above, there is no need that one be understood after that, as the singular number is already clearly indicated. Nor should horses be supplied after Smith's, because that would possibly involve a falsehood; for the expression is an equally appropriate, whether Smith is a one-horse man, the owner of many horses, or of none.

The ownership case shows "possession, ownership, property," etc. Now, suppose Smith is driving a horse that does not belong to him, how natural is the exclamation, "That horse of Smith's moves strangely." Smith's horse would be governed by "possession," or driving, if he owned the horse, by "ownership, or property."

J. H. A.

The opening sentence in "J. H. A.'s" note shows that he does not understand what the article of ours (not of us), upon which he comments.

Question of Etiquette.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please do me the kindness to answer the following question—viz: If a gentleman has an engagement with a lady for prayer-meeting in the afternoon and just before they leave home other young men call, who have no engagement, should the young lady stay at home and entertain the gentlemen with whom she has an engagement, or should she go with the gentleman with whom she has an engagement? A READER.

Pewee, Va.

An engagement, whether business or social, is sacred, and should take precedence over all subsequent or incidental occurrences. The young lady was bound by a promise previously given to accompany the gentleman with whom she had an engagement to prayer-meeting, and should have excused herself to other callers with whom she had no previous engagement.

Horses' Troubles.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Will you kindly suggest through your columns a treatment for expulsion of worms from horses? The case in point has for three years resisted a number of so-called infallible remedies.

S.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: I own a fine horse, that recently became belated (or belated), a disease, I say, that comes from too much dry hay, etc. Can you tell me the exact nature of the disease, and what organs it affects, and if a horse so afflicted suffers any pain, and can you suggest a remedy or cure? Would appreciate a detailed reply.

G. S.

In reply to S: The different varieties of worms that infest a horse require different remedies. The most reliable symp-

tom of worms is the worm itself. Very frequently horses are treated for worms when the ailment is not due to worms. Give us a description of the worms that are passed, if any, or let us know the symptoms, and we will prescribe.

In reply to G. S.: There is no pathological condition technically known as "belated or belated." Probably the correspondent refers to a symptom of the affection popularly known as "broken wind, or heaves," which is technically called pulmonary emphysema, a chronic affection of the lungs by a peculiar double motion of the flank at each expiration, and a characteristic cough. The disease is incurable, but much may be done to alleviate it by proper attention to diet. Avoid all kinds of musty or dusty food, and never allow the horse to over-load the stomach. Dampen hay and oats just before feeding. Always water before feeding, and avoid working the animal directly after meals.

The Laneville Problem.

We had hoped that the controversy on the question had been brought to an end, but such appeals are made to us that we cannot refuse to publish the following card:

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

I have not misrepresented "Teacher of Laneville School," in any statement I have written for the Dispatch. I had to work for my son the correct answer to the problem, because his teacher only taught him the incorrect answer. Teacher would not admit my answer might be correct, and, to the Editor of the Dispatch, I asked for an opinion of the Dispatch. No other specific authority was available.

N.

Laneville, Va.

City-Writer Question.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please answer the following question for an old subscriber:

Why is it that a doctor who lives in the county and rents an office from a renter in the city, and does not use the city water at all, should be required to pay \$13.34 a quarter. Also, why, under the same arrangement, in another locality, no charges at all were made?

X. X.

In the case the Doctor lives in the country and rents an office in town from a water-taker. The charge by ordinance for such an office is \$4.50 per annum, or \$11.34 per quarter. Where a doctor owns or rents a house in the city, and has his office at his place of residence, there is no charge for office.

Our Four Flags.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

In order to calm a dispute, will you please answer in your column of Queries the occasion or reason for the four flags which are seen at over Heroes and Our Flag? Did the Confederacy have four flags? Truly,

S. W. B.

Singer Glen, Va.

The first flag used by the Confederate army, adopted by General Joseph E. Johnston, and designed by General Beauregard, was known as the war flag.

The second flag adopted was the Stars and Bars—the stripes, red, white, and red, and seven stars, in a field of blue. The third flag, adopted May 1, 1863, was a white flag, with the battle-flag for a field, the length of the flag, double the width. The fourth flag, adopted March 4, 1865, had the battle-flag for a field, and was white, with red border, or bar, on the end.

Descendants of Sir Francis Drake.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

In your Query column, of the Dispatch of February 11, 1896, an inquiry was made as to the descendants of Sir Francis Drake.

There are descendants of Sir Francis Drake in Buckingham—the wife of E. Drake (who was Martha L. Drake) and three others. The one mentioned can be addressed at Glenmore post-office, Buckingham county, Va. Mrs. Drake is a daughter of James Drake, who was born in Powhatan county. Her grandfather was also named James Drake, who resided in Powhatan county, but was said to have lived on the Eastern Shore prior to his removal to Powhatan.

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to move the circles so that when they are all in place each column will add up 54, no matter which way you add. It can be done, but I am afraid you will have to carry the combination in your head, if you do it without the diagram here given.

9	7	14	4
1	6	12	15
3	13	8	10
16	2	11	5

Mathematical Problems.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Please solve the following example: I bought one pound of calomel at 2 cents a pound (avoiding weight), and sold it at 15 cents a pound (apothecary's weight), how much did I gain?

A READER.

One pound avoirdupois contains 7,000 grains (apothecary); one pound apothecary contains 5,760 grains (apothecary). He pays 2 cents for 7,000 grains. He gets for the 5,760 grains 15 cents for each 5,760 grains in 7,000 grains, or 15x14-144, equaling 18 11-16ths cents. Hence he gains 18 11-16ths cents, minus 2 cents, or 16 11-16ths cents.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

You will please insert in your paper the following query, and oblige.

Will some successful teacher give his or her method—one that has proved successful—how and why you borrow and carry in process of subtraction? In so doing you will oblige.

J. L. T.

Nearville, Va.

We cannot take 7 units from 3 27 units, so we take one ten—units from the 8 tens, and add the 10 65 units to 2 units, getting 12 units.

We then subtract 7 units from 12 units and get 5 units. Now one ten may be taken away from eight tens in two ways—

First, we may mark the 8 27

8 out and put 7 above it for it, and then take 2 tens from 7 tens, getting 5 tens; second, we may add 1 ten to 2 tens, getting 3 tens, and thus take the 1 ten and 2 tens from 8 tens at once by taking 3 tens from 8 tens. The first method is called the new method, and is more easily explained by objects. The second method is the one generally used, being less liable to mistakes and better in practice, and is the method used successfully in the Richmond public schools after trying the first.

Descendants of Sir Francis Drake.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Anent a recent query: I am a descendant of Sir Francis Drake, the brother of Sir Francis Drake, the British admiral.

As far as we know, Francis had no descendants that settled in America, but Captain Charles Drake settled in Piscataway, N. J., before the Revolutionary war. He was a descendant from Sir Francis Drake, and I am a descendant of his. Our family have tried to establish our claim to a portion of the immense estate that Sir Francis Drake left to his brother, the Baron, Sir Thomas Drake.

The late Dr. Beckwith, of Philadelphia, took the lead in investigating the matter, but he died several years ago, and the work ceased, as far as we know. I have attended a number of the meetings of the heirs of Sir Francis Drake in Jersey City and New York, attending to this business, and it seemed quite plain to me that we were the lawful heirs. My grandfather's and father's names were Charles Drake, and there was a missing link in the records, because of a loss of them by fire during the Revolutionary war. The records were worked out from Sir Francis down to that time, and what records were left in New Jersey were destroyed by fire, and after that there are more records of deeds and wills and marriages and deaths and tombstone inscriptions of the family. I am a native of New York.

(Mrs.) LUCRETIA D. STEVENS, Almondsville, Gloucester county, Va.

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